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THERE IS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF DETERIORATING MORALE AMONG THE REBELS. JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ, PROMINENT LEADER OF BOSCH'S DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRD) WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE LEADING PROPAGANDISTS IN THE CAAMANO CAMP, IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN VERY DEPRESSED THURSDAY NIGHT. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS AND THE END IS GROWING NEAR. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE PRD IN SANTO DOMINGO WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE TO JUAN BOSCH IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO "FACE REALITY." HE ADDED THAT THE "BOYS," THE YOUNGER PRD MILITANTS, "WANT A SOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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THE OAS COMMITTEE FOUND THE ATMOSPHERE AT REBEL HEADQUARTERS MUCH MORE CONCILIATROY YESTERDAY THAN IT HAD BEEN IN RECENT DAYS. EVEN THE CROWDS ON THE STREET OUTSIDE WERE LESS HOSTILE. THEY SHOUTED FOR A "SOLUTION" INSTEAD OF THE HOSTILE EPITHETS THEY HURLED AT THE COMMITTEE ON ITS VISIT TO CAAMANO HEADQUARTERS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THE INFLUENCE OF HARD-LINE EXTREMISTS IN THE REBEL CAMP WAS MUCH LESS OBVIOUS YESTERDAY AND EVEN THE REBEL RADIO HAS BECOME A BIT LESS INFLAMMATORY. FIRING FROM THE REBEL ZONE WAS MINIMAL YESTERDAY WITH ONLY SEVERAL RANDOM INCIDENTS INVOLVING SINGLE SHOTS AT US POSITIONS. INTER-AMERICAN TROOPS WERE NOT OBLIGED TO RETURN THE FIRE ON ANY OCCASION.

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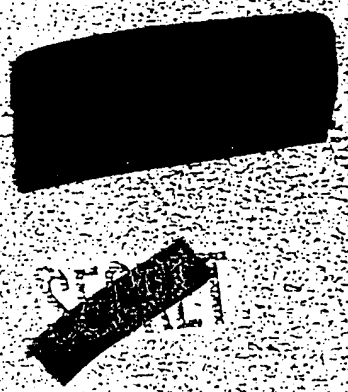

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